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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed June 17, 2004, having a shortened period for response set to expire on September 17, 2004. A petition and fee for a one-month Extension of Time is enclosed, thereby extending the response period to October 17, 2004.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

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